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(57) Abstract: A process of preparing finasteride Form (I), which process comprises dissolving finasteride in a solvent, replacing the solvent partially or substantially completely with a nonsolvent and thereafter isolating finasteride Form (I). There is also provided finasteride Form (I) prepared in accordance with the present invention, and the therapeutic use thereof in the inhibition of 5-alpha reductase, and pharmaceutical compositions containing the same.